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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINS, EIAR, BG SUBJECT: JAL HIJACKING

- 1. TOWER TO AIRCRAFT DIALOGUE CONTINUED AT 2115 HOURS AS BDG REPRESENTATIVE MAHMOOD SPOKE IN SOOTHING, CONCILIATORY TONES OF BANGLADDAH'S DESIRE TO HELP HIJACKER "FRIENDS" AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MAHMOOD STRESSED BANGLADDAH'S SYMPATHY FOR OHERS WHO, LIKE BAMULADESH, MUST "STRUGGLE" BUT URGED HIJACKERS TO BE PATIENT AND RECOGNIZE THAT SOLUTION WOULD TAKE TIME BECAUSE OF POOR COMMUNICATIONS.
- 2. AT 2135 HOURS SPOEKSMAN FOR PASSENGERS HAGIWARA APPEALED TO BDG TO SPEED RELEASE OF PASSENGERS WHO AFTER 40 HOURS ARE VERY TIRED AND WANT TO RETURN TO JAPAN. MANMOOD PROMISED ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE INCLUDING MORE FOOD AND WATER AS NEEDED. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. PASSENGER SPOKESMAN ALSO ASKED BDG TO SHIFT CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS TO JAPANESE EMBASSY. MAHMOOD INSISTED THAT CHANNEL BETWEEN HIJACKERS AND BDG HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AND BANGLADESH AND JAPAN WERE COMMUNICATING AS "INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES".

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EN	NDED CONVERSAT	TION AND PROM	MISED TO R	ETURN SHO	RTLY.

5. THE ABOVE EXCHANGE PRECEDED HIJACKERS ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW OCTOBER 1 0400 HOURS DEADLINE ALREADY REPORTED SEPTEL. MASTERS

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